

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Dept. Director Tom Cannon, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called for a moment of silence for Officer Denzinger who was killed in the line of duty last night.

He thanked the city police and fire departments for pulling together last night.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Rose Condra re: Walk for Life September 29, 2007 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Condra, executive director of Choices for Women Research Center, she stated that they have a walk every year for Life and they would like to have it this year starting at their facility at 2019 E. Spring Street on September 29 starting at 9:00 a.m. She stated that they expected 250-300 walkers and in previous years they had their volunteer in safety vest to make sure the walkers yielded to cars.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Eric Allas re: solicitor's permit for Southwestern.

Not present

Item #3 - Chief Harl re: lighting in the alley at Scribner & Main

Chief Harl stated that they recently had a theft in the alley between Scribner and Main and it is very dark in that alley. He stated that there are two poles in the area where there could be lights.

Mr. Denison moved to approve one light in the alley, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Chief Harl requested the light be put on pole 143.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1- Local 410 grievance #07-002 filed by Silvia A. Gardner.

Mr. Denison moved to deny grievance #07-002, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #2-AFSCME grievance filed by Mr. Thompson dated 04/24/07

Mr. Denison moved to deny the grievance, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Mason requested that Acting Sergeant Greg Wenning be promoted to Sergeant.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Granger reported that the stop sign on West 10th and water Street has been taken down and it needs to be replaced before it causes some accidents.

Corporal Bailey reported that there is a stop sign missing at Albany and Olive and all the speed limit signs are also missing and they requested that they be put backup.

Ms. Wisman reported that because of some confusion with curb cuts recently her office has decided to create a permit so that the person(s) requesting the permit can have something in writing with them to avoid any further complications.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Michelle Adams, S. Ellen Jones Neighborhood Association, reported concern with the graffiti and especially the gang tags. She stated that she has contacted Ms. Badger who has been very helpful but she wants to know what they can do to speed up the process to get this removed.

Mr. Denison reported that Pam Badger is working on this issue.

Ms. Badger stated that she has to get permission from the property owners to clean it up and the only thing they can do right now is distribute a letter explaining to them what they need to do.

Chief Harl reported that they are working with a Gang Task force.

Mr. Toran asked if there was something they could do in conjunction with the Neighborhood Associations to help facilitate this issue.

Corporal Bailey reported that two individuals that were doing the gang tags have been caught and turned over to juvenile probation. He explained some of the tags have been identified in support of an Indy record label and not a gang sign. He stated that to his knowledge the tagging has subsided since then.

Chief Harl stated that the park at S. Ellen Jones also has been closed at 10:00 p.m.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding gang activity and different solutions to the problem and educating the public and City Officials on this issue.

BIDS:

Request for bids for the lease of excess property.

Mr. Toran stated that the city is now accepting closed bids for excess property to be leased from the city. He explained the purpose of the request as stated in the handout. Said handout is on file in the City Clerk's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. hunter moved to approve the June 12, 2007 minutes, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**